



Hawthorn Newsletter Spring Two

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic February break and managed to survive the 'Beast from the East'.

We only have a short time before we will be saying Happy Easter and because of this we will be hitting the ground running in Year 2 this half term, if the weather allows us to. Our topic has a History focus and is called 'Wonder Women'. We will be looking at two women in particular during this topic but also meeting some modern day 'wonder women' as well. We are looking forward to what is going to be a short but extremely busy half term in the run up to Easter.

LITERACY

This term we are looking at a book by Mini Grey called 'Traction Man Is Here!' The title will take some of the parents back to their childhood as the now named Traction Man goes on a number of adventures. From 'The Poisonous Dish Cloth' to 'The Mysterious Toes' his adventures are legendary and limited only by imagination. This will give our children a great opportunity to write a number of short stories about Traction Man and his many adventures. The children will make up their own heroic tales and develop their own evil villains from various household items.

The children are now able to plan and write stories independently and will be utilising this skill a lot over this half term. Despite us only having four weeks we will be writing more than ever.

Key vocabulary:

suffix	exclamation	command
conjunctions	punctuation	adjectives
verbs	nouns	adverbs

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at fractions and using our knowledge of dividing to be able to split numbers and objects into equal parts. We will be looking at halves, quarters and thirds during our fraction work. We will then be looking closely at measuring height and length and continuing to build on our skills.

We have started to get more and more silver champions for our Mathematics certificates. Keep up the good work and your learning at home.

The children are loving TT Rockstars in class and are showing real progress with their times tables. Mr McGrath is loving singing along to some of his favourite songs whilst the children smash 60 questions in just 3 minutes or even less!

Remember if you need your login details just ask your teacher for them.

Key vocabulary:

part	measure	quarter	whole
quarter	length	third	
temperature	time	multiplication	
division	arrays	half	

SCIENCE

We are going to continue to take a closer look at ourselves and more importantly our diet. We will be designing our own healthy plates and will hopefully be able to cook some tasty and healthy food. We will add to our knowledge from last half term and also include the importance of personal hygiene to us and those around us.

We will also have the opportunity to ask some scientific questions to some visitors who will be able to take what we have learnt and show us how they use it in day to day life.

Key Vocabulary:

hygiene	protein	fat
carbohydrate	fibre	
minerals	contaminated	





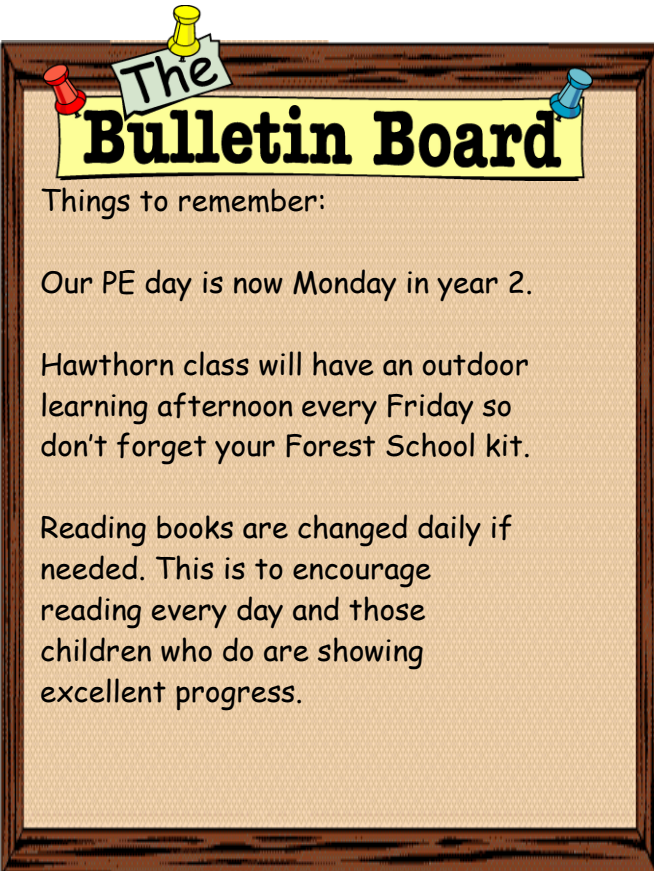
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We will be looking at using some of our basic throwing and catching skills in a range of games and continue to work in small teams.

RE - In RE we will be comparing two of the world's largest religions and looking at the similarities and differences between how Christians and Muslims worship.

PSHE - This term we will be completing activities linked to our class assemblies. We will look at the world around us and how we can achieve our goals.

Music - This term in music we will be exploring music through our Charanga programme.



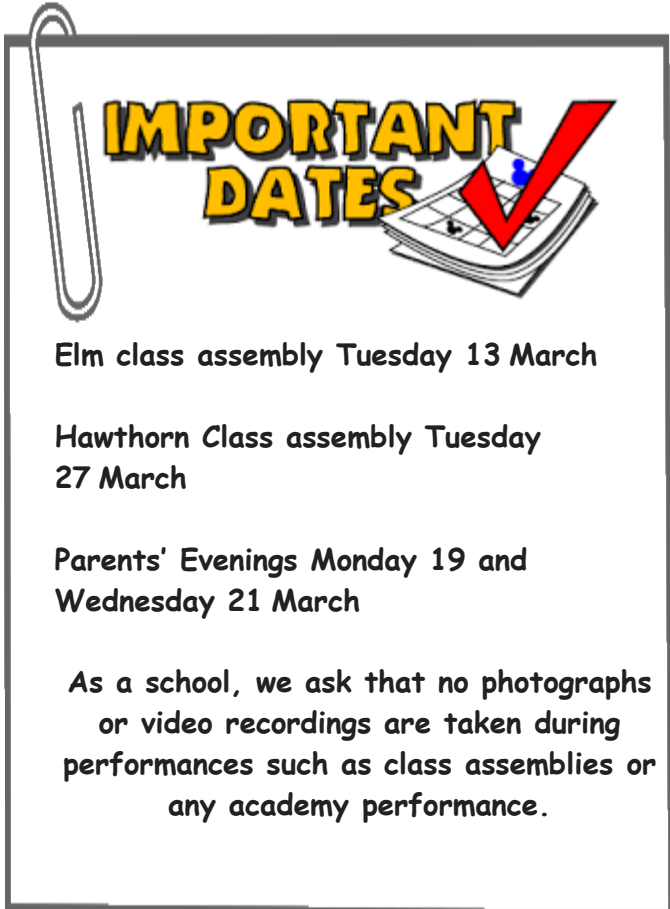
The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Our PE day is now Monday in year 2.

Hawthorn class will have an outdoor learning afternoon every Friday so don't forget your Forest School kit.

Reading books are changed daily if needed. This is to encourage reading every day and those children who do are showing excellent progress.



IMPORTANT DATES

Elm class assembly Tuesday 13 March

Hawthorn Class assembly Tuesday 27 March

Parents' Evenings Monday 19 and Wednesday 21 March

As a school, we ask that no photographs or video recordings are taken during performances such as class assemblies or any academy performance.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynethkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



It's time to find out about

Wonder Women

What is hygiene?

We will look at our personal hygiene and why it is so important.

We will discuss how we can keep ourselves clean by brushing our teeth, washing our hands and much more.

We will also look at how our personal hygiene can affect those around us.



What is it like in the day of a nurse?

We are going to have a couple of fantastic visitors to come and tell us about the work they do every day. These visitors will be two nurses who are going to answer our questions and teach us some first aid.

Who is Florence Nightingale?

We are going to study a very famous and inspirational lady called Florence Nightingale.

Who was she? Why is she famous? When was she alive?

We will be looking to answer these questions as we find out more about her.

What were conditions like?

Once we have found out more about Florence Nightingale we will look at the conditions that she had to do her job in? What differences are there today? We will look at how lucky we are in our modern world compared to conditions in the past.

How could we solve the problems?

Once we have identified some of the problems that Florence Nightingale faced, we will think about how we could solve these problems using what we have learnt so far. Who could help us in our mission to save lives?

Who is Mary Seacole?

Finally we will look at another wonderful woman. Who was she? What did she do? Why didn't she get the recognition that she deserved?